

Pennsylvania Company for Insurances  
on Lives and Granting Annuities  
431 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia (Old City section)  
Philadelphia County  
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1452

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
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Washington, D.C.

ADDENDUM  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY FOR INSURANCES ON LIVES AND GRANTING ANNUITIES		HABS NO. PA-1452
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 431 Chestnut Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1871-73.	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Addison Hutton, architect; William A. Armstrong, builder.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This exotic-looking building is the only one in the Bank Row to have been constructed during post-Civil War years. Pennsylvania Company, which owned the building from 1873-1890, is the oldest institution of its kind in the United States.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with Quincy granite ashlar front.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 30' (three-bay front) X 164'; three stories.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Three-arch arcades with foliated keystones on first and second stories; third-story six-arch arcade with squat columns; "heavy" bracketed cornices on first and third stories.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Front two-story banking room with skylights on vaulted ceiling (see HABS interior photo).		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Interior remodeled in 1880, Addison Hutton, architect.		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Morris, Harrison. <u>A Sketch of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities</u> . Philadelphia, 1896. Baxter's Business Directory, a view of the Bank Row, filed at Historical Society of Penna., Philadelphia.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard J. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.		
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